



# City of Cincinnati

*Date: August 29, 2005*

## CHEMICAL LEAK

Emergency responders are still on scene trying to keep fumes released from rail car under control and are constantly monitoring the air.

Citizens may be able to smell styrene in the air. Constant monitoring is showing that levels are below those that produce health effects.

City responders are monitoring the tank for any signs of activity that might indicate an explosion.

As a precaution, the surrounding area is being evacuated in a 1 mile radius including 3 schools. Citizens are being taken to Community Methodist Church in Hyde Park.

If people can smell an odor, they may want to stay indoors as an added measure of precaution.

The City's Chemical Air Monitoring Team is deployed in 4 different points taking readings.

Levels of styrene are far below levels that produce health effects.

The US EPA, Ohio EPA, and Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health are on scene.

City responders are working with the Cincinnati Public Schools to take care of those kids affected by the evacuations.

Evacuation area is from Delta Ave. though the Lunken airport. From the Ohio River to Linwood on the North.

- Lunken is closed to all air traffic.
- Columbia Parkway is closed.
- Wilmer Avenue is closed.
- Eastern Avenue from Delta to Linwood is closed.
- Kellogg Ave. is closed from Salem to Delta.

Water operations are not affected by a water main break on Wilmer. Water works is prepared to fix it as soon as we request it.